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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 1000 BLOCK OF NORTH COLUMBUS BOULEVARD

*****UPDATE – APRIL 6, 2022*****

The Tucson Police Department has made an arrest in the homicide of 79-year-old **Anthony Ames** that occurred on March 24. Through the course of the investigation, Violent Crimes Detectives identified the suspect as 20-year-old **Elaine Vernetta Boone**.

On April 5, 2022, detectives obtained a warrant for 2nd Degree Homicide for Boone. Officers from Operations Division Midtown/Community Response Team (ODM/CRT) assisted in locating and detaining Boone near E. Pima St. and N. Columbus Blvd. Boone was transported and booked into the Pima County Jail on the charges of Aggravated Assault Dangerous Instrument, Aggravated Assault Serious Injuries, and her outstanding warrant of 2nd Degree Homicide. Additionally, Boone had two outstanding warrants that she was booked on.



Elaine Vernetta Boone

Sergeant Gradillas – April 6, 2022



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On March 24, 2022, just before 4:30 p.m., officers from Operations Division Midtown responded to the 1000 block of N. Columbus Blvd. for the initial reports of a collision involving two people. Upon arrival, officers located two victims in a parking lot— an adult male and an adult female. Both victims were transported to Banner University Medical Center with serious and life-threatening injuries. The suspect fled the area prior to police arrival.

Officers determined that this was not a pedestrian accident and detectives from the Violent Crime section responded to continue the investigation. Officers learned that there was a confrontation in the parking. During the confrontation the suspect struck the male and female victim with a vehicle before leaving the area on foot.

On April 2, 2022, the male victim passed away due to his injuries sustained at the scene. He has been identified as 79-year-old **Anthony Ames**. Next of kin has been notified of his passing.

This is an ongoing investigation, and no suspects are in custody. Anyone with any information is asked to call 911 or 88-CRIME. You can remain anonymous.

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